

## Directory of History of Medicine Collections

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| <b>Organization Name:</b> | National Hansen's Disease Programs Museum  |
| <b>Organization Type:</b> | Museum   |
| <b>Address:</b>           | LOCATION: 5445 Point Clair Road, Carville, LA MAIL: 1770 Physicians Park Drive   |
| <b>City:</b>              | Baton Rouge  |
| <b>State/Province:</b>    | Louisiana  |
| <b>Zip/Postal Code:</b>   | 70816  |
| <b>Country:</b>           | United States  |
| <b>Telephone Number:</b>  | 225-642-1950   |
| <b>Fax Number:</b>        | 225-642-1949   |
| <b>Web Site:</b>          | <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/hansens/museum/">http://www.hrsa.gov/hansens/museum/</a>  |
| <b>Online Catalog:</b>    |  |
| <b>Email Address:</b>     | NHDPmuseum@hrsa.gov  |
| <b>Other:</b>             |  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>          | About the Museum: The museum's mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the medical and cultural artifacts of the Carville Historic District and to promote the understanding, identification and treatment of Hansen's Disease (leprosy) by creating and maintaining museum displays, traveling exhibits, publications and a Web site in order to educate and inform the public. The vision of the National Hansen's Disease Museum is to support the National Hansen's Disease Programs in its effort to enhance the publics' understanding of the history, treatment and rehabilitation of leprosy in the United States, and to commemorate those who lived at the national leprosarium as patients, as well as the health care professionals who made medical history as they battled leprosy. Researchers must register in advance. With approval, some copying may be performed on site by staff. |
| <b>Holdings:</b>          | Collections: Photographs created by amateur and professional photographers, medical personnel and the Daughters of Charity. Subjects include: The hospital grounds and buildings patients' recreation and organizations holidays, religious services, veterans' organizations, Daughters of Charity, Public Health Service, patients' housing, medical treatment. Also see "The Carville Collection" in the Centers for Disease Control  |

and Prevention Public Health Image Library. Keyword search: Carville / leprosarium / leprosy. Slide Shows: Clinical Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). More than 17,000 digital files in the collection: Photographs from the 1930's to the 1950's digitized and displayed on computers in the main exhibit area. Most photographs taken by patient photographers Johnny Harmon, Charles Marshall and Daughter of Charity Sr. Hilary Ross. Films: Exiles in Our Own Country (60 min) hospital documentary produced on-site with patient interviews and hospital history. (1995) Known Simply to the Rest of the World as Carville (30 minutes), Medical care and rehab of Hansen's disease; The Story of Paul and Margaret Brand (three 30-minute segments), Cultural Artifacts: Many donated or on loan from former patients and employees: Patients' artwork: Mardi Gras costumes & float, Handmade lamps, jewelry boxes. Bicycles and scooter used by patients; Ham radio set. Medical Artifacts: Medicines used in treatment of Hansen's disease (leprosy) through the years. Laboratory instruments used in research: Medical adaptations designed for patients with insensitive and disfigured hands including scissors, eating utensils and keys. Innovative button hooks, zipper pulls and the "Carville sandal" Unique hand-cranked wheelchairs, an ambulance basket and morgue furnishings. Publications: The 66 Star (1931 - 1934). Bimonthly mimeographs (4-6 pages per issue). Forerunner of The STAR magazine. A patient-produced newsletter featuring hospital news, hand-drawn illustrations, gossip and entertainment. The STAR (1941 - present). Volumes 1 to 60. Magazine published bimonthly by the patients of the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Carville, Louisiana. The STAR's mission: "Radiating the Light of Truth on Hansen's Disease." Stanley Stein, editor, was an early advocate of changing the name of leprosy to Hansen's disease. Major indexed headings: Associations, Clubs, Foundations, Institutes, Organizations Awards, Citations Communications, Media Hansen's Disease USPHS Hospital, Carville USPHS Hospital, The Question Mark (QM) weekly 'rag' produced by the patients' school outlining weekly schedules for organizations, church services, menus, holiday parties, gossip. (1940s to present) Daughters of Charity Archives: Daybooks, hospital histories and photograph albums compiled by the nursing order of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The first four Sisters began their mission at Carville in April of 1896. The mission closed in February of 2005. The Sisters served as nurses, teachers, medical researchers, pharmacists, medical librarians and confidants to the patients. The collection is not indexed. Virtual Tours: (on line) Carville Historic District: National Hansen's Disease Museum Exhibits Life at Carville: The National Leprosarium circa 1950.

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| <b>Collection Subject Strengths:</b>       | History of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases; History of Public Health |
| <b>Other Collection Subject Strengths:</b> | Leprosy in the United States  |
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